Selection of High Ranking Officials

† 3124. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken back the responsibility of selecting the high ranking officials for public enterprises from the Public Enterprises Selection Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present arrangement made by Government for the selection of such officials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) No Sir. The Government has only made a provision in the Resolution No. 27(21)EO/86(ACC) dated 3-3-1987 by which the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) was reconstituted, for making appointment to a particular post or posts in a Public Sector Enterprise, in special circumstances, other than through the PESB with the prior and specific approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). The ACC while granting such an approval, would also specify the body such as, Search Committee, Selection Committee or the Civil Services Board, as the case may be, that would make the selection for the particular post or posts, as well as the selection procedure to be followed for filling the same.

Malpractices in Disergarh Power Supply Company

3125. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU :
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether all trade unions of Disergarh Power Supply Company, a group of Andrew Yule and Company Limited, had given a representation in June 1999 to the Chairman, Andrew Yule to enquire and stop specific malpractices;

(b) whether an external agency Messers KPMG was appointed to investigate the above;

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(c) whether any investigation report has been submitted; and

(d) if so, the findings of the report and action taken on the report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (d) Government do not hold any equity in Dishergarh Power Supply Company Limited (DPS), which is a Board-managed non-Government Company. However, Andrew Yule and Company Limited (AYCL) holds 7.12% of the paid-up capital of DPS. It is learnt that the Trade Unions of DPS had given a representation to the Chairman of AYCL in June, 1999. Further, it is gathered that M/s. KPMG was engaged by a Committee of Directors of DPS and Descon Consultants and Investments Limited (DESCON) to look into some of the irregularities pointed out by the Unions and other related issues. M/s. DPS holds 20% shares in the paid-up capital of DESCON, which is also a non-Government Company. M/s. KPMG have submitted their report to the Committee. The Boards of DPS and DESCON are seized of the matter.

Departments without Hindi Typewriters

† 3126. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Departments under his Ministry which don't have a single Hindi typewriter;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriter so far and the officers responsible for this kind of negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure the compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriter by the Department of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) No Department under this Ministry is without Hindi typewriters.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Action is taken continuously to achieve the targets under annual action plans.

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